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Handmade Heaven owner Sam Milne and store employee Prashansa Tobit, pictured Tuesday, following a theft at the store Aug. 9. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Brazen daytime theft from new business

By Lisa Gervais

Just nine days after Handmade Heaven in Haliburton opened its doors, a brazen daytime theft has left owner Sam Milne and staff “shocked.”

However, an outpouring of support from the community in the wake of stolen cash from the till has bolstered their moods.

Milne said that on Aug. 9, “we had a couple in the store pretending to buy items and distract my staff. The male went behind our cash desk and stole a substantial amount of cash from our till.

“This is a really big hit to our Handmade Heaven store as we have been open less than two weeks. As my staff followed the

remaining female out of the store, her male partner was already waiting in the getaway car in the middle of Highland Street and took off east on Highland Street.”

Milne said it happened just before 2:30 p.m. last Friday. He said they appeared to be expert thieves.

“Obviously, I was in shock.”

He said everyone in town was saying that the same type of thing had happened elsewhere. One story was that the suspects pretended to drop change and then stole a wallet from a purse behind the cash at another store. He said he heard stories from along Hwy. 48, and Fenelon Falls. He said it

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Store owner appreciates community

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appeared the couple had been on an Ontario-wide crime spree.

OPP said Aug. 14, “this was a distraction theft, not a robbery. No weapons or violence were used. Haliburton Highlands OPP has canvassed local establishments for video in attempts to identify the suspects. The incident is still being investigated and we are following up on any possible leads we receive.”

Milne said people had responded to a post he put up on Facebook. One woman, who asked to remain anonymous, dropped off a card with some money, writing “I hope this helps in some way.” The store owner said, “with all of this going on, I definitely wanted to take something negative and put it to a positive. That’s the way I always do things. But I wasn’t expecting that at all. I said ‘are you sure? Do you want me to say your name?’ She said ‘no’. It was just amazing. He added that on Aug. 13 another person dropped in to donate money and would not take ‘no’ for an answer.

“It goes with everything that’s been about this store since we opened. This store is doing better than our stores in the mall. It’s literally triple what I thought it would be. There’s so much support. Everybody in the store is amazing. My staff say ‘these are the friendliest people that we’ve ever come across’.”

He said this incident is a definite blip. “It was just people from who knows where up to no good.”

He hopes to never see the people who robbed the store again, and hopes they are caught by OPP.

The store opened Aug. 1 in the former Halco Electronics space. It is Milne’s sixth location, with stores in Peterborough, Barrie, Oakville, Markham and Toronto.



John Watson, Dysart’s environmental manager, poses beside the newly-installed smart battery recycling container at Head Lake Park. *Submitted.*

A smart solution

Dysart et al is the second community in Ontario, after Kingston, to have a new outdoor battery collection container installed in its downtown. Representatives from Environmental 360 Solutions were in town Aug. 8 to install the unit, which is located at the entrance to Head Lake Park beside Rails End Gallery. The company has spent two years developing and manufacturing the machines, which are fitted with sensors that monitor capacity and notify E360 when pick-up is required. It also has temperature sensors that can help identify faults and a fire suppression system. The unit will accept AA, AAA, C, and D batteries. Environmental manager, John Watson, said Dysart is one of 10 communities across Ontario to pilot the new initiative. “It’s a game-changer for the collection of household batteries,” Watson said, noting residents can drop batteries off 24/7 while in town, rather than needing to wait for a landfill site to open. *(Mike Baker).*



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Minden mom calls for non-bus tax relief

By Mike Baker

Minden resident Aurora McGinn is requesting a reduction in education-related taxes for all families impacted by Trillium Lakelands District School Board’s (TLDSB) decision to amend bus ridership eligibility for the upcoming school year.

TLDSB informed parents in April it had recently completed a review of transportation routes in Haliburton County, with elementary-aged students living within 1.6 kilometres of school, and high school students within 3.2 kilometres, no longer being bused to, and from, school.

Carolynne Bull, communications lead at TLDSB, said the change will impact roughly 100 students in Minden and Haliburton villages and one in Wilberforce. McGinn feels those families should be compensated for what she sees as a reduction in service.

“I would love for my daughter, Marina, and the rest of the children in my community to have school bus service restored this coming school year – but if that is not possible, then I think residents shouldn’t have to pay for a service they no longer receive,” McGinn told *The Highlander*.

She has submitted official requests to Minden Hills, TLDSB, and MPP Laurie Scott, looking for a reduction to the education component on all future tax bills.

Minden mayor Bob Carter noted, while tax bills are sent out by municipal governments each year, local councils have no say in what is billed for education.

“The school board provides us with the tax rates and the municipality is tasked with collecting... the municipality plays no role in [determining] the amount that is being collected,” Carter said.

Bull noted education taxes, used to fund elementary and secondary schools across Ontario, are set by the provincial government. People are billed depending on their home values, established by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. She said the school board has no authority to reduce taxes.

Scott’s office did not provide comment by press time.

Concerns remain

McGinn said she hasn’t been satisfied by TLDSB responses on why the changes are happening.



Marina McGowan, 5, is no longer eligible to catch the bus to Archie Stouffer Elementary School from her home in Minden. *Submitted.*

Bull said students in Minden and Haliburton were eligible to be bused despite living within a reasonable distance to schools due to “historical exceptions.” She noted TLDSB transportation staff reviewed bus routes for Haliburton County during the previous school year.

“The review could not identify the reason for this historical exception, however it was noted conditions in the villages of Minden and Haliburton are similar to those in other areas of review, including Bracebridge, Huntsville, Kirkfield, Kilworthy, and Fenelon Falls, and similar to conditions across TLDSB for schools without any exception areas,” she said.

Bull reiterated the changes were made to ensure TLDSB is applying fair practices to

all students board-wide. McGinn believes it all comes down to money.

“My guess is there will be less buses on the road this coming school year, with longer routes... I believe TLDSB is focusing more on cost, than student safety. If TLDSB is cutting bus service because they think it is safe for students, and the decision has nothing to do with money, then asking for a reduction in our education levy seems reasonable,” McGinn said, again calling for TLDSB to release details of the review.

Bull confirmed there has been a reduction to the number of buses due to route efficiencies that have been made, but noted that was across the entire TLDSB region, not just in Haliburton County. She said due to the way the province funds TLDSB, she could

not say if there would be any cost savings.

Minden investment

Carter said his township is investing money to improve safety for students walking to school.

On Aug. 8, Minden council passed a bylaw creating municipal safety zones on two of the township’s busiest thoroughfares. The first is on Bobcaygeon Road between the cemetery and Hwy. 35, with the other on Water Street between Bobcaygeon Road and Hwy. 35.

Carter said signage notifying drivers of the new 40 km/h speed limit, as well as two digital speed signs, would be installed before the start of school Sept. 3.



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AROUND THE COUNTY NEWS**Board member wanted**

The County of Haliburton is looking for a community member to round out its new OPP detachment board.

It is accepting applications until 4.30 p.m. Aug. 20.

The ministry of the solicitor general approved the new board in October 2023. It already has six of its members; Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen, Dysart et al deputy mayor Walt McKechnie, Highlands East mayor Dave Burton, Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter, County appointee Jennifer Dailloux, and provincial appointee Andrew Hodgson. They will work with interim detachment commander Natalie Majer.

Sue Tiffin, the County's community safety and well-being plan coordinator, said it's come about because the province had replaced the Police Services Act with the Community Safety and Policing Act "to focus on addressing community safety; enhancing police oversight; modernizing policing, and establishing consistent mandated training requirements."

While the new board was established on April 1, it has yet to meet. The inaugural meeting had originally been scheduled for June 24, but at the request of the province, has been postponed until further notice.

Tiffin said the board will help pick detachment commanders; work with the commander to determine objectives and priorities for police services; advise the commander with respect to policing; monitor the commander's performance; review commander reports on policing; and provide annual reports to the four townships.

Tiffin said meetings will take place as many times a year as the board deems necessary, but there will be a minimum of four meetings a year. Agendas and minutes will be posted on the County website. Meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the role and eligibility requirements, go to haliburtoncounty.ca/pdb.

Hwy 35 road closure

The Township of Algonquin Highlands says Hwy. 35 will be closed in both directions



Applications are open to join the OPP detachment board. *File.*

between Hwy. 118 and East Road in Carnarvon next week - between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, Tuesday, Aug. 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 21.

The township said the closures are due to an ongoing construction project along Hwy. 35. There will be open excavation during the outlined time periods, so the highway will

not be passable during those hours.

The province has hired Fidelity Group to carry out the work, and any questions can be directed to questions@fidelitygroup.ca. (Around the County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

Mischief charges dropped in hospital spray paint incident

A mischief charge levied against Minden Hills resident Richard Bradley after a May 31 protest at Haliburton Highlands Health Service's (HHHS) Minden site has been dropped.

The Lindsay Crown Attorney's Office confirmed Bradley's charge was officially withdrawn in court Aug. 7. Crown prosecutor Rebecca Griffin said it was dropped after Bradley completed the

requirements of a direct accountability program.

Earlier this summer, Bradley attended the Minden hospital site armed with a can of blue spray paint. He told *The Highlander* he wanted to take a stand and let HHHS know "the community hasn't forgotten or forgiven" the sudden closure of the ED on June 1, 2023. He inscribed a blue 'H' on the HHHS sign welcoming people to the

Minden site.

"It's symbolism, we're trying to get a hospital back here in Minden," Bradley said at the time.

The incident was reported to police, with Haliburton Highlands OPP confirming Bradley was charged June 1 with adult mischief and obstructs, interrupts, or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property.

The blue 'H' remained in place for a matter of hours, with HHHS staff cleaning the sign the afternoon of May 31.

Addressing the charges being dropped, Bradley said, "the fight continues. If they thought this would somehow silence me, no. I'll just get bigger speakers and a louder voice." (Mike Baker).

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Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will consider a proposed Road Naming By-law at its August 29th, 2024, Regular Council meeting. The purpose is to provide for the naming and renaming of private roads accommodating the addition/revisions within the Township of Minden Hills.

Notice of proposed changes is pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, and are as follows:

New Roads

- Finlander Lane • Piper Glen Road • Twin Bay Trail

Road Name Change

Currently known as "Clansman Drive", proposed name change "Big Orillia Lake Drive"

A copy of the proposed By-law is available at the Township Office or Township's website.

Dated the 6th day of August 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Vicki Bull, Clerk

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FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Adult and Youth fall program registration is Tuesday August 19, 2024. Registration opens at 9:00am in person at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena or online at <https://townshipofmindenhills.perfectmind.com>

UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Mark your calendars for the next HHW event taking place Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Please ensure you have your valid waste disposal card.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

• Don't miss the final week of *Flower Orphanage* the latest exhibit installation by Michèle Karch-Ackerman. The exhibit is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until August 17. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Check out our online calendar for more info.

• The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibit *Voice of Pride*, a partnership with Minden Pride and Scott Michael Walling, featuring artwork by emerging and established queer artists. The exhibit will be on display in the Welch Room August 13-31, with a reception scheduled for Tuesday, August 20 from 5-7 pm. All are welcome.

• Join us under the stars on Thursday, August 15 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for our last outdoor movie night of the summer! We will be presenting *Brave* (2012). Don't forget your lawn chair, blanket and snacks! If it rains, the event will take place inside the Cultural Centre. Admission is by donation. No pre-registration is required. This film is rated PG.

• Attention all crafters! The UFO Group is returning to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, August 16 from 1-3 pm. Bring a beverage, a snack and your unfinished project to work on.

• The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us for daily tours and drop-in programs: Learn a new language every Wednesday morning at 11 am in the Multilingual Schoolhouse, taste some Early Setter Baking on Thursday, August 15 at 11 am, and learn to Crochet a Square on Saturday, August 17 at 2 pm. Admission is by donation.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON. Detailed information to follow the week of August 19, 2024.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- August 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at

<https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>.
Visit our website for more information.

NOTICE – COUNCIL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION

Take Notice there will be a Council Education and Training Session held Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This tour is an educational opportunity to review key infrastructure and areas in Minden Hills and will not be used to advance the business or decision-making of Council.

Dated this 6th day of August 2024.

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Survivors say mammograms save lives

By Lillie Qiu

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be having its Radiothon Aug. 15 and 16. The Radiothon will again be hosted by 93.5 MooseFM. The intent is to improve healthcare by bringing mammography services to the Haliburton hospital.

Melanie Klodt Wong, executive director of the Foundation said, "Radiothon has been an amazing staple in the community for raising funds. We're really grateful to MooseFM for hosting and for Minden Subaru for being a corporate sponsor and allowing us to take over the radio station for two days and do marathon, 12-hour days, to raise as much money as we can. I think what's important to community is that it gets people excited about what we're raising money for."

In the Highlands, at least 6,000 women don't have access to regular breast cancer screenings. They need to travel outside of the County in order to get mammograms.

The Radiothon will feature interviews with survivors, who will talk about the importance of screening, health care specialists, and those who have been touched by the healthcare they've received at HHHS.

Richard Muir is one of those patients whose life was saved while in care at the Haliburton hospital. He will be matching donations up to \$100,000 for the Radiothon.

Muir is a businessman from Toronto who cottages at Eagle Lake. In September 2022, he went into sudden cardiac arrest for four minutes and was helped by nurses and doctors to recover. Muir remembers hearing the beeping sound of the heart rate monitoring machine and hearing nurses screaming, "we're losing him." The businessman described the procedure he had as "life-changing, excellent care."

Muir is matching donations to express thanks.

Breast cancer survivors

Tammy Rea details how she got a letter during COVID-19 saying she was due for a mammogram, and how she'd normally be the kind of person to just put something like that aside, but for some reason, made a call, and was scheduled in promptly.

"Eventually, it turned out that I had stage-zero breast cancer, which is amazing,



because even when my surgeon knew where it was, she still couldn't feel it. Nothing else would have found that. But the mammogram picked it up. So, the mammogram meant, and only the mammogram meant, that I was diagnosed at stage zero."

On the importance of getting a mammography unit at the Haliburton hospital, Rea said, "I have the gut feeling my friends in the city get a better shot at fighting breast cancer because they're diagnosed earlier. I think if we have the machine here, the machine is so modern and new, it takes less time and is less painful."

Rea also participated in a 15-km swimming challenge with the Canadian Cancer Society to raise funds for mammography services.

Darlene Armstrong, who was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago, at the age of 45, was shocked at her diagnosis. "I had a healthy and very active lifestyle, so it was very surprising for me to discover a lump."

Armstrong added, "when I heard we were getting a mammography unit here, I was

excited, because I had to travel, as does everybody else in this community. I traveled to Peterborough, and so the fact people won't have to travel is huge. I'm incredibly fortunate I have the means to travel. I have a vehicle, but lots of people in our County

don't, and it's just going to be so beneficial to people in our community."

The Radiothon will be broadcasting from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is hosted by Rick Lowes. The number to call is 705-457-1580.

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MH to talk to community about strategic plan

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council has given the go-ahead to talk to community members in the lead-up to doing a strategic plan.

CAO Cynthia Fletcher asked council Aug. 8 to allow staff to issue a request for proposals (RFP), looking for a facilitator to lead a community engagement project. She said the township could use money already set aside for a strategic plan. She originally sought approval July 25, but council wanted more information, specifically around the apparent staged approach, since usually one firm does community engagement as part of a strategic plan.

Fletcher told council last week, "the intent of the recommendation is not to deviate away from developing a strategic/priority plan, but to initiate the necessary community engagement. Having the information from the community engagement phase may help shape the requirements to develop the township's long-range guiding plan."

Council had already set aside \$50,000 for a strategic plan. However, Fletcher said with turnover in senior leadership positions, the work had not started and money remains in the budget.

Upon review, she added "staff identified a critical need to engage with our community to ensure any future plan reflects collective priorities and needs. Without this first phase, we will be missing a key component in developing a longer-range priority plan that

meets Minden Hills' priorities."

These plans usually look five to 10 years out and guide decision-making. Fletcher added they help with community building, where to invest resources, and with annual business plans.

"Minden Hills is a terrific township with many assets, positive attributes, rich history and diverse expertise. We need to establish better connections with, and between, these assets to build up and highlight our community," Fletcher said.

"The intention is to seek an experienced and dynamic facilitator, who will develop and implement a comprehensive engagement project to capture input from a broad, representative sample of community members, staff and council members." She said community members include businesses, the development industry, residents, key stakeholder groups, and partner organizations.

The CAO believes the municipality wants to clarify what matters most to people, determine Minden Hills' assets/attributes, identify ways to build better connections, enhance community spirit, and develop strategies to improve engagement within the community.

"Who we are today, where we want to go? What we want to accomplish? Create a draft vision for the community and identify potential hurdles to achieving that vision and strategies to overcome."

She said following community engagement,



Downtown Minden on Aug 13. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

the facilitator will identify attributes of Minden Hills that may be used to establish the community identity or "wow factor." She added the facilitator will work with staff to develop recommendations for council consideration, which will form the foundation for the next phase in developing a plan.

She suggested spending \$20,000 for phase one.

Coun. Ivan Ingram and Tammy McKelvey said they would have preferred staff put out an RFP for a strategic plan, with community engagement being part of it. McKelvey was worried seasonal residents would be gone by the time the talking began. Fletcher said they would want a firm that could reach people who cannot attend in-person.

Coun. Pam Sayne preferred community engagement first, to give the township direction. She added there are ways to reach seasonal people, and after a busy summer season is a good time to get feedback from the business community.

"We have to start today and try to get the community engagement going."

She said the same firm could follow the plan through, or there could be other options. Mayor Bob Carter said doing it in steps made a lot of sense. Deputy mayor Lisa Schell also felt council should support the CAO in trying the new approach.

Fletcher said, "we need to stop talking about doing a strategic plan, we need to show some action and initiative on this."

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Just what the doctor ordered

By Mike Baker

Eighteen months after relocating from England to practice family medicine in Kinmount, Dr. Lesslie Ponraja said he still pinches himself daily to make sure he isn't living a dream.

The doctor arrived in cottage country in February 2023 after months of conferring with volunteers from the Kinmount and District Health Centre. He made initial contact with the group during the pandemic, wanting to escape the busy hustle and bustle of city life for something more calming and serene.

It only took one visit for Ponraja to realize a move to Ontario's Highlands was exactly what the doctor ordered.

"I love it here – having spent 20-odd years in England working in big towns I needed a change. I have always wanted something different, to take a step back and live a more balanced life. Being in Kinmount allows me to do that," Ponraja said.

Rather than working lengthy shifts six days per week, Ponraja has a steady schedule at his Kinmount office, open regular business hours four days a week. It's still busy – Ponraja is the only doctor at the clinic. He assumed all of Dr. Elena Mihi's patients when she retired last August, estimating he has close to 2,000 people on his rota.

He said the clinic is actively recruiting, with several leads on physicians currently working overseas. Having been through the immigration process recently, Ponraja said he's able to assist any potential doctor with their move.

Ponraja recently earned his supervisor status from the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, enabling him to bring students working on their degrees to Kinmount. He guided two students this summer – one from Queen's and the other from the University of Ottawa.

"It's showing them what it means to be a family physician – the things we look for, procedures we do. Any junior doctor who wants to come and spend time learning, we can offer that here now," Ponraja said, hoping that could be a gateway for Ontario-trained physicians to move north.

Discussing his practice, Ponraja said he's



Dr. Lesslie Ponraja is enjoying the quiet life in cottage country. Photo by Mike Baker.

proud to have brought several new services to Kinmount recently. With a specialty in orthopedics, Ponraja has been able to assist patients experiencing issues with their bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, muscles and nerves.

He launched new joint injection and minor procedure clinics last summer and has started to do biopsies for skin cancers this year.

"I'm able to do cortisone shots for people with arthritis, when before they had to go to Lindsay or Peterborough. The stuff I do investigating lumps and bumps has been popular too. It's eased a lot of pressure on our hospitals because now people come to see me instead," Ponraja said. "Patients seem to be happy – I've brought in services that have helped bridge gaps in healthcare."

Ponraja said he plans to introduce more

services when the clinic secures other physicians.

When away from the practice, Ponraja said he enjoys spending time outdoors and on the water. His favourite hobbies include kayaking and fishing.

"I like the relaxed lifestyle. It's so calm and peaceful. If there's a doctor who really wants to have a balanced lifestyle, this is the perfect place. Not everybody is made for the city. I did that for 20 years and it doesn't really attract me anymore. I want to be closer to nature, closer to people," Ponraja said. "There's a life out there not many doctors have the opportunity to see."

"We all go through different phases in our life and careers – I think I'm in the best phase now. I know I made the right choice coming here. Kinmount is home," he added.

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Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, as amended, the Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on August 27, 2024 will be considering a by-law to name all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the following road additions:

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Women in sports

Haliburton County has a rich history when it comes to developing high-level athletes.

One need only glance at names inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame, or featured on the 'Mural Wall of Sports Heroes' at A.J. LaRue Arena – National Hockey League stars like Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene, CFLers Mike Bradley and Taly Williams, curler Jake Walker – a former Canadian Junior Champion – and, notably, Olympian Lesley Tashlin, who competed in the 100-metre hurdles and 100-metre relay for Team Canada in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

That's an impressive list for a small community a long way from pro-level training facilities. It speaks to the quality of grassroots sports programming across Haliburton County.

I was encouraged, then, when I heard a group of parents is trying to revive an all-girls hockey program with the Highland Storm. It's been at least a decade since the Storm iced a dedicated squad, with girls instead playing on mixed teams in local league and rep.

It's meant local talent has left the community to chase their hockey dreams. Sterling Nesbitt, who played two seasons of NCAA hockey with Indiana Tech, spent her youth training at the Ontario Hockey Academy in Cornwall, ON, while Cheyenne Degeer, about to start her Grade 12 year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, played on boys teams in the Central Ontario Wolves AAA system (based in

Lindsay) before joining female programs in Peterborough and Central York. Degeer will play NCAA hockey in 2025, having earned a scholarship at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Maybe their talents would have taken them outside the community anyway – but having the chance to develop locally, I feel, is important. Here's hoping the relaunch is a success.

Womens' sports have surged in popularity recently. Soccer has been on an upward trajectory since the 2015 Women's World Cup, held in Canada. It was watched by 750 million worldwide - a major increase from the 63 million that tuned into the 2011 tournament. The most recent version, held in 2023, saw viewing figures exceed two billion for the first time.

While women's hockey has always been a big deal come Winter Olympics, the professional game has been largely ignored in North America.

There was excitement then, last year, when the Professional Women's Hockey League launched, promising a platform for the best females to play club hockey in Canada and the U.S. Across 72 regular-season games, in-person attendance averaged at 5,448 per game, while more than 40 million tuned in on YouTube. Not bad.

The Summer Olympics concluded last weekend, with Canada finishing with 27 medals – 17 of those earned by women. Superstar swimmer Summer McIntosh, hammer thrower Camryn Rogers and Katie Vincent, competing in canoe speed racing,

combined for five of the country's nine gold medals. Their performances set a great example for the younger generation and showed what's possible with hard work.

We've had our fair share of impressive performances from County-based girls recently – Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner won a silver at COSSA and competed at OFSAA for badminton in 2023; Violet Humphries earned bronze in Nordic skiing at OFSAA in February; while Addy Parish won a gold medal at the Legion National Track and Field Championships in Calgary last week, jumping 11.59 metres in the triple jump.

We're in a really good position now when it comes to recognizing and appreciating womens' sports. Times have changed from 25 years ago when I was growing up, where boys played sports and girls played with dolls.

Being a girl dad, I can't wait to show my daughter all the amazing things our female athletes – professional and amateur - are doing.

All these women, including our young local athletes, are pioneers for future generations. They're breaking down walls that have stood for generations.

Keep doing what you're doing, girls.



By Mike Baker

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Summering on Saskatchewan Lake forever

By Susan Tromanhauser

Chris Cote did not become an empty nester; she fled the nest. Confident their two adult sons didn't need them anymore, Cote and husband, Claude, left Fort Erie and retired "up north."

Cote quickly adjusted to her new retirement lifestyle, except for one thing - it was "odd looking across the lake from this angle." Across the lake was where Cote's grandparents once lived and why she was compelled to move to Algonquin Highlands in the first place.

Cote remembers at the age of five, her grandparents leaving Port Colborne to create William's Villa, one of three resorts at the time on Saskatchewan Lake. Cote clearly recalls fleets of rowboats on the lake, each with a distinct colour matching the resort to where they belonged.

Eventually, Cote started helping on turn-around days, changing sheets and cleaning cabins in preparation for new visitors. Summers were endless days of swimming and being near the lake.

Cote also reminisces about horseback riding at a farm located across from the Red Umbrella Inn. A summer highlight was going to the dump on Saturday nights to watch the antics of the bears.

In 1969, when Cote and Claude went to the resort for their honeymoon, they realized

things were changing. The highway was being straightened and workers were blasting rock beside the roadway. During one such blast, debris went through the roof of her grandparents' home, landing in the bathroom where her grandmother had just been. She got out just in time. Hwy. 35 ultimately ended up cutting right through the resort, separating the cabins from the beach. The resort was soon sold.

Cote was compelled to return to the area and in the mid-90s purchased their retirement home on Saskatchewan Lake. Like the circle of life, Cote was soon busy with visits from her own grandchildren, summers once again filled with lake time. Cote now also spends summer time honing her gardening skills, adjusting location each year to perfect the amount of sunshine with the amount of rainfall and always on guard for deer and squirrels. Chipmunks, however, get Cote's devotion as she "loves to feed her chippies."

Winters were once filled with bowling in Carnarvon, later Minden, as well as on the snowmobile trails. Cote feels, "there is not much winter left anymore." She recollects more snow and colder temperatures. Cote's home is water access in the summer and relies on snowmobile or a foot path in the winter. Without the lake staying reliably frozen, winter access can be difficult so Cote and her husband relocated to Fort Erie with their son in winter, once again full circle.



Chris Cote. Submitted.

Cote feels age has caught up with her, now appreciating the close proximity of grocery stores and doctors' appointments in the city; but "up north is in her blood," and Cote vows she will summer on Saskatchewan Lake forever.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Heather Baayen sent this photo entitled 'Ralphie eating peanuts.'

The Highlander welcomes all contributions, however we wish to remind readers of the following:
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- Letters should be exclusive to *The Highlander*. We do not publish letters also addressed to other media outlets, open letters, letters to third parties, or cc'd letters.
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- *The Highlander* may still edit for length and clarity.
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LETTERS

Reject incineration

Dear editor,

It is time to reject outright the concept of burning our garbage.

Before our politicians waste more of their valuable time on this out-dated means for disposing of our garbage, they should ask staff to seek out the latest developments in this field.

We have a home-grown company in Burlington, ON, called Anaergea that designs and builds state-of-the-art facilities around the world. These facilities turn household garbage into RNG (renewable natural gas) fertilizer and pure water. The company has built and is operating such plants in Italy, Scandinavia, Southern California and is beginning to build another in San Francisco

We must not go back to old habits that lead to more air pollution, and fall-out that pollutes surrounding soils. See what is being done with garbage in Toronto and in Greater Vancouver. You will be amazed and encouraged.

Ray Oster
Algonquin Highlands

What to do with our garbage

Dear editor,

The discussion about what we should do with our garbage completely fails to address the real problem: the garbage.

Paradoxically, we're working very hard to

enable our breathtaking laziness. Single-use anything should be banned. Bottled water should be illegal. Packaging should be regulated across all industries. The Right to Repair must be made law. I agree with Mike Baker that the idea of changing our lifestyle seems like pie in the sky, and it's pathetic.

Keli Schmidt
Donald

Awesome Rotary Summerfest

Dear editor,

Awesome! is how my grandchildren described their evening in the park Aug. 6. They loved it all: face painting, fishing,

golfing, hammering, building, bouncing and belly laughing at the stunt ventriloquist, to say nothing of ice cream, candy floss and popcorn.

Hot dogs and beef on the bun were yummy. The ambulance and fire truck were a huge success. Music in the Park provided something for everyone. What a toast to summer and family fun.

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club and all their marvelous volunteers, who worked so hard with big smiles to make a marvelous family outing in the park on a beautiful night. We thank them for an awesome evening in the park, all their work and all they do in our community.

Michael and Carol Browne and grandchildren

Food and wine for a charitable cause

By Lillie Qiu

The Haliburton Post House and Fielding Estate Winery are collaborating on a charity event Aug. 16.

It is a seven-course tasting menu and Fielding Wine experience, with all proceeds going to SIRCH Community Services and the Minden Community Food Centre.

The menu will be curated by the Post House's executive chef, Dan Sanders, and wine pairings will feature the best of Fielding Estates.

Sanders said, "we just wanted to give back to the community. Because we are a food service industry, we wanted to give back to the food bank. And, also, SIRCH is a great community project, with everything they do there."

Heidi Fielding, director of sales and marketing at Fielding Estates, added, "the Post House is doing incredible dinners in Haliburton. They're literally across the lake, so it's really interesting, really nice to get to know them over the last few years. They've had our wine on their menu, so just a really great working relationship."

Fielding researched the charities and found them to be the "perfect fit" for the collaboration.

Sanders said they will be getting tomatoes from the farmers market for a tomato salad, and serve deer with plums, and Ontario duck with a rose miso.

Fielding added, "I think people will really like to see the different styles of wine that we make and the different varietals, from Chardonnay to Cabernets."

Jean Munroe, executive director of the Minden Community Food Centre, said demand for the food bank's services increased 27 per cent in 2022 and 35 per cent in 2023. It's been a similar story for the first half of 2024, she said.

Gena Robertson, the executive director at SIRCH Community Services, said the donations from the event will most likely be going

towards their community kitchen free meals.

Robertson said the program helps 17,000 people each year, an increase from last year. "We put out a lot of meals, and we know that they're well appreciated."

This is a sold-out event. The Post House is located at 1297 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd.

Curtis and Heidi Fielding stand outside their winery, Fielding Estate Winery, in Beamsville, Ontario. *Submitted.*

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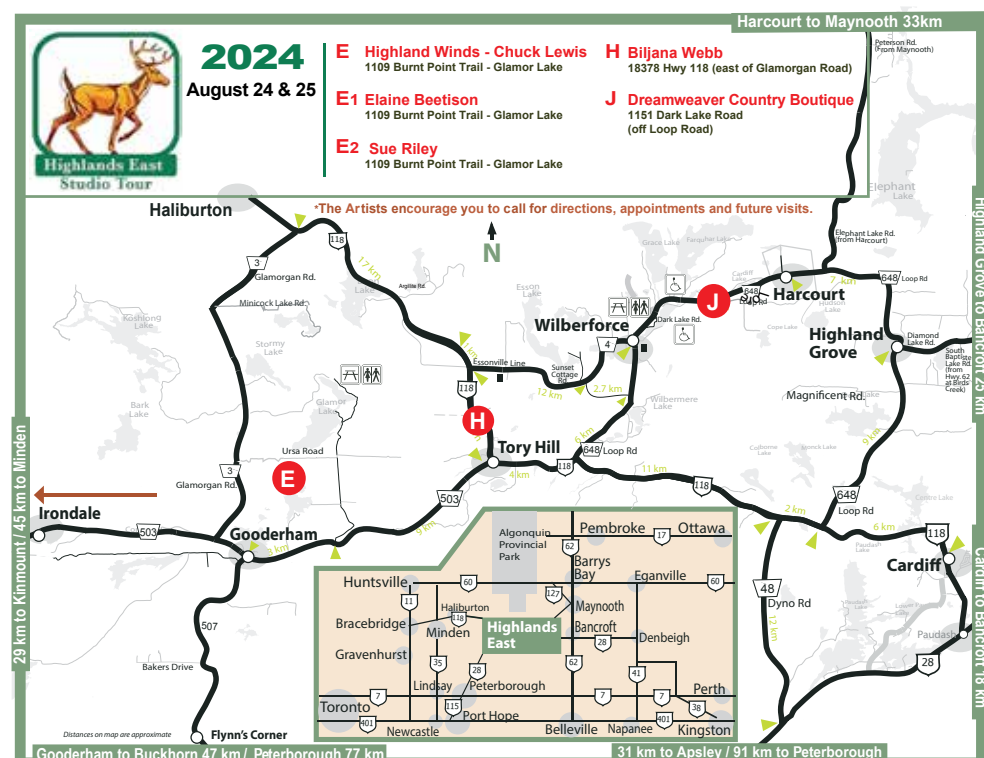
Top: Harpist Shannon Kingsbury plays and sings outside the big red doors at Haliburton School of Art + Design. Middle: Some of the cast of *Note the Weather* (in no particular order) Matthew Lumley, Mairead Filgate, Sully Malaeb Proulx, Johanna Bergfelt, Marie-Lambin-Grignon and Meredith Thompson. Above: Lumley and Thompson do interpretive dance. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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Jennifer Dailloux on her dock in northern Haliburton County. *Submitted.*

Councillor doing charity swim for Land Trust

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux says far from a midlife crisis, her upcoming five-kilometre charity swim is a celebration of turning 50 – and to raise money for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

Dailloux will jump off her dock Aug. 17 and swim up the Oxtongue River to the base of Ragged Falls and back. She thinks the swim will take about three hours and 15 minutes to complete.

“I have been training for this all winter and am absolutely stoked for it,” she says on her Canada Helps fundraising page.

In addition to raising money for the Land Trust, an organization she has “loved for many years” and sits on the current board of directors, it is in honour of Steph Laurence, a friend who recently died but spend his working life at camps and lodges in Algonquin Park.

Dailloux said traditionally, land trusts protect sensitive ecosystems through the stewardship of properties entrusted to their care in perpetuity, as well as doing scientific research, education, and advocacy work.

“But HHLT is evolving beyond that mandate in breathtaking ways: it has identified a significant wildlife corridor here in the Highlands, comprised of 100,000 continuous hectares of predominantly undisturbed Crown, municipal, and private lands connecting three provincial parks.

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Speaking of Laurence, she added, “he has been involved in enabling thousands of campers, and adult guests at these resorts, to really connect with their natural surroundings.”

Dailloux started training in the fall and through winter at a pool in Huntsville. Since spring, she has been swimming in the river.

“Mine will not be a speed swim. This is a swim of reverence. It is a swim undertaken with my head held above the water, counting not the strokes but the swathes of water lilies, of purple pickerel weed and joe-pye weed, the pops of vibrant cardinal flower, the warblers and sparrows, herons and waxwings.

“Swimming along beside me, watching and listening and revelling in this delight, will be the echoes of my three grandmothers. Nan, on my left. Joan, on my right. And Anne, there with the megaphone, sitting in coxswain position on the safety boat. They would have loved this. Proud doesn’t begin to describe it.”

Nan is her maternal grandmother, a former long-distance swimmer and naturalist. Joan is her paternal grandmother. Her dad was adopted so she only recently connected with Joan, which she said had been a “most extraordinary reunion and coming together of minds and spirits, a beautiful thing.” She was also a sportswoman and naturalist. Anne is her adopted grandmother.

Asked if she has watched the movie, *Nyad*, starring Annette Bening and Jodie Foster, about Nyad’s swims from Cuba to Florida, Dailloux said, “what a fabulous set of women and a fabulous movie.”

While this is not Cuba to Florida, “it’s not a bad swim and I have learned in my training over the course of the winter, and then really trying it out in the Oxtongue this spring and summer, that it’s a doable swim.”

She’ll have a current to contend with heading upriver, but it will be a more pleasant swim coming home. She added there are a number of places where you can stand up and walk because it’s shallow, but she won’t let her feet touch the ground.

Back to the midlife crisis question, Dailloux replies, “if anything, it’s a real midlife celebration. I’m happy where I am in my life. I’m delighted we have come to Haliburton County after years of being overseas and in pretty complex neighbourhoods, in conflict and post-conflict settings. I feel like we’ve really landed in a beautiful chapter of our lives. This is a great way of celebrating that.”

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Highlands Opera Studio in full swing

The Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) held a casual song soiree Aug. 12 at St. George’s Anglican Church. The soiree consisted of some French works, and talented opera singers from the studio singing and acting to an operatic backdrop. There was a musical, a drama involving the housing crisis and a raccoon, a baritone singing about how he’s glad he isn’t a tenor, among other individual performances. The HOS began in 2007 and offers advanced training to young operatic artists looking to move into the professional realm. Also on this season will be *Mishaabooz’s Realm* on Aug. 15. *Mishaabooz’s Realm* is an opera originally composed in Haliburton in 2017 by Cree composer Andrew Balfour. The piece tells the story of creation, colonization, and beyond using a unique blend of operatic and traditional First Nation singing and instrumentation. The season will end with performances of *The Barber of Seville*, on Aug. 22, 24, 25, and 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. *The Barber of Seville* is a classic comic opera by Gioachino Rossini. See more at highlandsoperastudio.com.

Above: Queen Hezumuryango sings in French while Stephane Mayer accompanies her on piano. Top right: Sahara Adamitz sings in Catalan while Frances Armstrong plays the piano. Right: Nicholas Murphy sings while Armstrong plays piano. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*





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Any interested parties may contact Sarah Hutson, Deputy Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 329 or email shutson@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law. The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/our-community/cemeteries/>

The By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

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A local gardener is calling for more joy in our Highlands landscapes. Simon Payn, who owns Haliburton-based ecological landscaping company Grounded, says it's time to ramp up the pleasure we get from our gardens and shorelines.

"For so long, the landscapes around our homes and cottages have felt like a chore," he says. "They are something to be managed, whether it's to keep the grass mowed or weeds off the driveway. "It sometimes feels like a battle against an enemy with unlimited energy. It's a war of attrition against nature."

Payn says we're fortunate in the Highlands - we have some leeway to let nature do its thing. But if you travel to the GTA, there are many pressures to keep lawns and gardens constrained.

"Many gardens in places like Toronto or Mississauga are beautiful, but it's a certain kind of beauty," he says. "It's a formal, boxed-in beauty which serves to keep neighbours happy but it some way feels like a compromise."

He says he's talked with homeowners who want to let loose with their landscapes but feel that would harm house prices or they'd get in trouble with the rest of the street.

"I think that's sad. I also think it creates a conflict in our heads because we know that lawns and non-native plants are not great for the environment but we don't feel able to change the existing paradigm."

A recipe for wonder

The Grounded owner says the answer lies in finding joy in landscapes and in celebrating nature and the wonders it brings us.

"What if we can allow ourselves to become a little less adult?" he says. "Can we knock our grown-upness out of ourselves for a second when we see a butterfly on a flower or notice the wind in the long grass?"

"Can we be brave enough to discover the child in us that loved nature for what it is?"

Payn says he has a recipe for this: stop and

look. He says that if we take the time away from our day-to-day life and just stare at nature, we remember what it's like to be overwhelmed by the wonder of it all.

That moment is when the spark of joy ignites.

"We hear a lot about climate change and biodiversity loss, and how we're all to blame and that we must do something about it," he says. "We don't hear so much about

the sheer wonder that comes when we help and appreciate nature. It's that wonder that creates action because we want more of it."

Simon Payn, Grounded

Payn's company works with homeowners and cottagers to bring joy back to their gardens and shorelines by using native plants in a natural-looking way.

"When you use the plants that nature needs and you use them in a way that nature needs, nature responds," he says.

"One native plant leads to one bee, which leads to us noticing the bee and wanting more bees."

"That leads us to wanting more native plants."

The Haliburton landscaper is a fan of the Homegrown National Park, which was started by native plant expert Doug Tallamy and now has thousands of homeowners in the U.S. and Canada who have joined up.

"Each of these landscapes helps bring nature back - and they all add up," says Payn. "Think of these little pieces of wonder that form a patchwork of joy!"

He says Haliburton County deserves its own patchwork.

"We're lucky here in that we have a lot of nature. But when you replace traditional landscapes with more nature, it brings it much closer to you and allows you to appreciate it more," he says.

"And perhaps when people return to the GTA or visit friends to the south, they'll spread the joy and make Ontario a more wonderful place to be."

Find out more about Grounded at groundedgardens.ca.



Community and creativity at the fair

The Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, organized by the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, opened its doors Aug. 9-10. The fair featured a cake walk with discs, one on Friday evening and two on Saturday, a pet show, petting zoo, cotton candy, ball hockey on the tennis court, and a pony pull. There was Kawartha Dairy ice cream, a wood-fired pizza truck, and hot dogs. It's known as 'the biggest little fair around', in part because of its community and creativity. The fair also had live performances. On Saturday, there were painting demonstrations with Luann Coghlan, sheep shearing, and a pedal tractor pull, among other unique activities. Free admission on Friday was sponsored by the Wilberforce Multicare Pharmacy and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624. There was a sold-out roast beef dinner put on by the Legion's ladies auxiliary.

Top: Ava Falkenstern and Scott Kibbler at the Wilberforce Fair Aug. 9. Middle: Thora Marshall, winner of Friday's cake walk, stands with her cake. Michelle Little, an organizer of the fair, stands behind her. Above: Nancy Duff and Nicole Billings, part of the organizing team of the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, make cotton candy. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

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Parents aim to bring girls hockey back

By Mike Baker

Volunteers with the Highland Storm are trying to tap into the team's history by reviving a dedicated female-only hockey program in Haliburton County.

Coaches Sean Irvine, Noah Adlam, Charlyn Irvine, and Gavin Simms came together in the spring to discuss the idea, buoyed by an increase in local female registration for Storm local league and rep play, as well as the successful launch of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL).

It's been at least a decade since the Storm ran a girls-only team, with all rep and local league teams being mixed gender. That will be the case again this season, though Adlam said there are efforts being made to change that.

An U13 team consisting of 13 girls between the ages of nine and 12 have been working together on the ice for several weeks – they debuted at the prestigious all-female 'Queen of the Rings' tournament in Toronto Aug. 9 to 11, thought the appearance has been dubbed a one-off... for now.

The event attracts some of the best up-and-coming hockey talent from across North America and included appearances from members of Toronto's PWHL team, Adlam said. The Storm finished fourth in the U13 tournament.

"There are so many talented female hockey players in Haliburton and the surrounding areas. Bringing this team of girls together was meant to support, celebrate, and showcase female hockey," Adlam said.

"The team we pulled together seems to have sparked some renewed interest in the potential to pull together an all-female team that could represent the Highland Storm year-round. It's an idea we will continue to explore," he added.

Adlam's wife, Michelle, is also assisting with the project. She said other parents and hockey enthusiasts are coming forward and



The Highland Storm U13 girls' team, back row from left: Breda Chiarot, Madison DeCarlo, Olivia Rickard, Olivia Peters, Claire Hamilton. Middle row, Kylie Simms, Penelope Irvine, Harper Hamilton, Kora Reid, Aliyah Cox, Raelyn Adlam, Olivia Emmerson. Front, Kayden Ziebarth. *Submitted.*

trying to find ways to re-establish girls' hockey.

"We'd love for this to happen. We're trying to figure out how to keep this going. Do we develop a hockey club, do we run practices with the kids even though they're not playing games?" Michelle said. "There's a real desire to keep this group together."

Most of the girls will play the season on the Storm's local league and rep teams, with a few playing for dedicated girls' teams in Lindsay and Bancroft.

Charlyn Irvine said the girls battled hard

in the city, even while playing against teams that had spent years developing together.

"The competition was fierce but the girls made Haliburton proud, showing grit, determination, and exceptional teamwork," Irvine said.

Jenn Emmerson, whose daughter, Olivia, played in the tournament, said it was great to have a dedicated girls' hockey team representing Haliburton County.

"This is amazing – hopefully it will build more awareness of girls' hockey in the community in the hopes of building up a

girls' program again like there used to be years ago," Emmerson said.

Sean Irvine said he, Adlam, and the other volunteers hope to keep building girls' hockey in the County and want to establish teams across various age groups.

"We see this being a place for girls to play and build camaraderie in the dressing room. A place for them to play judgement-free and really be a team," Irvine said.

Anyone interested in joining the effort, whether as a volunteer, coach or player, can contact Adlam at noah.adlam@outlook.com.

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The Highlander



Prospects look increasingly bright

We all gathered on the fields, umbrellas in hand, as the remainder of Hurricane Debby began its creep through the County Aug. 8. Despite the damp conditions, the atmosphere was full of energy, and it turned out to be a great night for soccer. The players have been showing remarkable improvement since the first week, with their skills and gameplay becoming more refined with each session. As the season progresses, more and more parents and community members are talking about what lies ahead. There's growing excitement about the future of soccer in Haliburton, with many wondering if the sport's rising popularity might lead to the development of dedicated soccer fields in the area. The buzz around the possibility of having our own fields has sparked conversations about the potential for even more growth next year. As soccer continues to expand its footprint in the community, the prospects for the future look increasingly bright. *Submitted.*



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Minden Pride to 'party with everyone'

By Mike Baker

Minden Pride chair Allan Guinan is reiterating Pride-themed festivities coming to Haliburton County next week are for everyone, not just members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Speaking on the eve of the organization's ninth-annual Pride Week, which runs Aug. 19 to 25, Guinan promises this year's spread has something for everyone - whether it be a lighthearted social with friends and family, learning opportunities for people young and old, or a community party where you have the chance to take centre stage.

This year's theme is 'everyone is welcome'. "People sometimes think Minden Pride events and the Pride festival itself are just for people in the queer community, but in reality we're hoping lots of people participate - the more the merrier," Guinan said.

August is always bittersweet for the long-time chair - Guinan enjoys getting together with the community to celebrate, but remembers how the event is rooted in tragedy. Co-founders Sinclair Russell and Bob Baynton-Smith formed Minden Pride in 2016, shortly after the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida that killed 49 people and wounded 53 others, most of them members of the LGBTQ+ community.

It also followed an incident in Haliburton, where a local business was targeted with homophobic graffiti.

"I do feel we've come a long way since then. Mostly the community here has been

very supportive and very welcoming," Guinan said. "Now, Pride Week is one of the biggest cultural events in the County. We're trying to appeal to all ages, all demographics - there's a lot of different things on offer."

An opening reception and flag-raising ceremony will take place outside Minden Hills township office Aug. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A meet and greet Pride reception is happening later in the day at Bonnie View Inn.

New this year, a 'Voice of Pride' art exhibition is being staged at Minden Hills Cultural Centre and The Space in Haliburton village. Curated by Scott Walling, the show will feature works from emerging and established queer artists in the community. An opening reception is taking place at the cultural centre Aug. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Haliburton Youth Hub is staging a youth Pride day Aug. 21, Queer Comedy Night returns to Eagle View Event Centre Aug. 21, Dominion Hotel hosts queer trivia night Aug. 22, with family movie matinees at the Minden and Haliburton libraries Aug. 23. The annual Burlesque Ball is at the Pinestone Aug. 23.

The rainbow street festival and Pride river parade close the week Aug. 25, taking place along Water Street in Minden and down the Gull. Winners from the 'Show your Pride' community decorating contest will be revealed at the street festival.

Guinan confirmed drag story time, featuring a man in woman's clothing reading book



The Minden Pride river parade, which runs down the Gull River, is returning Aug. 25. *File.*

excerpts to children, will also be back - at the Minden library Aug. 20 and the Haliburton library Aug. 22, both from 3 to 4 p.m. Some in the community have been critical of the event in the past, something Guinan says he doesn't understand.

"Kids are entertained by someone who's an extravagant, creative, clown-like personality. Kids don't understand anything more than that," Guinan said. "People use the term 'indoctrination', and that's so disappointing because what we're trying to do is spread the

word that love is love, that everyone needs to be kind and generous and accepting of everyone."

He said the books chosen to be read aloud are approved by the Haliburton County Public Library ahead of time.

"They're usually lovely stories. I don't know why people feel they need to target this event. I don't know why it's causing so much grief. It's usually a fun, joyous event," Guinan added.



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Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to noon

Join volunteers at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, in the Bowron House's kitchen, for a demonstration of traditional early settler baking techniques. Taste the authentic flavours of recipes from the early days.

Aug. 15, 6 p.m.

Anniversary celebration corn roast at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum, at 2314 Loop Rd. Corn on the cob, hot dogs, cake, and ice cream. This year's party features a special performance from the Wilberforce Loop Troupe.

Aug. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Come to the Dysart library for a special story time, featuring author Aimee Reid as she reads her books *Baby Animals Trying* and *Animal Struggles!* Activities and freebies to follow. For children six and under.

Aug. 16 - 18

TORC power boat races on Head Lake. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A non-profit, free, event raising money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Spectators are welcome Friday night to the pit and to meet the racers.

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to noon

'Rock Walk' learning about the geology of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. Hosted by Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Led by geologist John Etches. Admission by donation. Pre-registration required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700.

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rotaryfest on Main Street in downtown Minden, featuring a street party, kids games, Boshkung BBQ and beer tent, silent auction, displays from community partners and much more. For more information, visit mindenrotary.ca, or email Dave at info@mindenrotary.ca.

Aug. 17, noon to 2 p.m.

Come meet the Turtle Guardians teaching turtles at the Minden library and learn all about turtle ecology from the experts. Free to attend, with no registration required. All ages are welcome.

Aug. 17, 2 p.m.

Explore the history of crocheting and learn to crochet a square at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Suitable for children aged five to 14. All materials are provided. Also available Aug. 31.

Aug. 20, 10 a.m.

Join us for a free guided walking tour in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to two hours. Tours are happening every Tuesday in July and August and are free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Aug. 20, 11 a.m.

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Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop in at the Wilberforce library to craft a batch of slime. No registration required. For ages 5 to 12.

Aug. 21 - 10:30 a.m.

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Aug. 21, 8 p.m.

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OBITUARIES



**FRASER
Douglas Duncan**
July 19, 1939 – August 2, 2024

Douglas Duncan Fraser, aged 85, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2024. He was a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a warm and loving man who, even in his final days, never lost his sense of humour. He left a lasting and positive impression on everyone who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Patricia Fraser (nee Verral) of almost 60 years, his children Heather Kaine (Andy Kenins) and Cameron Fraser (Tricha Fraser) and his brother George Fraser (Betty Fraser). He was the proud grandfather of Emily and Jack Kaine and Myles and Tiffany Fraser who brought him immense joy. A dog lover for most of his life, Julia and Ella will miss their human papa.

Doug was an avid golfer and up until the last couple of years frequented the courses of Haliburton County with his hat, sunscreen and bug spray. Vacations were spent playing golf in South Carolina and Florida. For years he organized the Fletcher Valley Golf Tournament, a most anticipated community event. He always enjoyed the challenge and camaraderie he found on the greens.

A Chartered Accountant by profession, Doug's meticulous nature and commitment to excellence made him a respected figure in his community. For years he was the Treasurer of St. Peter's Church in Algonquin Highlands where he could be found tallying up the proceeds from various church events including the most popular Thanksgiving dinner and summer pancake breakfasts.

Doug's life was filled with love and laughter. A celebration of his life will take place on August 31, 2024 at 11:30am at St. Peter's Church, 1213 St. Peters Road, Algonquin Highlands. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Alzheimer Society of Ontario in Doug's memory.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



In Loving Memory of
**Eleanor "Elly" Patricia
Malcomson**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Eleanor 'Elly' Patricia Malcomson, who departed this life on August 3, 2024, at the age of 87, after a sudden and brief illness.

Elly was the loving wife of the late Jim Malcomson, to whom she was married for 55 wonderful years until his passing in 2017. She was a dedicated mother to her daughters, Nancy (Elliott) and her husband Michael, and Sherryl Malcomson (Crompton) and her husband Andrew. Her grandchildren, Tristan and Rachael Crompton, and Alex Elliott, will forever hold her in their hearts.

Elly and Jim shared a lifetime of memories, having met as children in Mimico and attending high school together. Elly went on to earn a degree in Library Sciences from the University of Toronto, subsequently dedicating her career to the Toronto Public Library. Her work took her to libraries in Leaside and East York, where she touched many with her warmth and expertise.

Beyond her professional life, Elly was a passionate musician. She directed the choir at St. Phillips' Anglican Church in Unionville, where she also founded the community choir 'Village Voices,' which she directed for many years. Her love for music extended to the stage, where she performed in numerous Gilbert & Sullivan plays.

After retirement, Elly and Jim moved to the Haliburton Highlands, enjoying life on Twelve Mile Lake and in the towns of Haliburton and Minden. Elly cherished her time at the lake, where she found peace in the watching the loons and joy in her morning swims where she was occasionally accompanied by the loons. Elly and Jim's home at the lake was always open for their children's friends and families, with games, cookies, water fights, comic books and campfire songs available to all.

Elly continued to enrich the community with her musical talents, singing in the Zion Church Choir, which later became the Highland Hills Church Choir, and performing with the Highlands Festival Singers for nearly 30 years. She was also part of a trio called the Trivocals, delighting audiences with many songs including their rendition of 'Sisters.'

Elly's community spirit was also evident in her volunteer work. She was actively involved with the Friends of the Library, organizing the Book Club Gala, and working tirelessly to help open the library in Minden.

A Service to Celebrate Elly's Life will be held at the Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Elly's life was a testament to her dedication to family, music, and community. She leaves behind a legacy of love, harmony, and service, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Donations can be made to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (cheques only) or the Highland Hills United Church (Minden United Church), in tribute to Elly's lifelong commitment to community service and the arts. Donations can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0



In Loving Memory of
Carol Parnell
(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully at Haliburton Extendicare on Thursday evening, August 1st, 2024 in her 81st year. Carol has been reunited with her beloved husband, the late Gary Parnell. Loving mother of Tony Ajo (Joanne), grandmother of Ryan (Shelby), and Michael, sister of Raymond. She was predeceased by her brother Michael. Carol will also be fondly remembered by her many dear nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life

There will be a private family service with a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date. In honor of Carol, donations in memory can be made to Extendicare Proud Pioneers. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of
**Shirley Ann Johnson
(nee Pratt)**

Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the age of 81.

Beloved wife of Leonard for 65 years. Dear mother of Donna (Gary), John (Katie), Peter (Laurie), Dan (Laurie), infant Michael predeceased, and Andi (Frank). Loving Gramma of Joel (Rachel), Adam, Travis (Meg), Sarah (Mark), Jesse (Erica), Lacey (Billy), Kim, Cassie (Michael), Christopher (Sarah), Scot (Kristen), Jodi (Kevin), David (Lacey), Sarah predeceased, and Josh. GiGi to Rowen, Bria, Raleigh, James, Raine, Hazel, Wells, Jozi, Madison, Mya, Tyler, Talia, Jaxxon, Blake, Carter, Zoey and Ava. Dear sister of George and Don, and predeceased by Bill, Bob, Fred and Linda. Sister-in-law to Vicky and Dianna, and predeceased by Larry and Darlene. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Private Family Visitation and Service to Celebrate Shirley's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to 4 C's would be appreciated by the family.



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Then to Gelert Cemetery, 1052 Cemetery Road, Minden for a Graveside Service to Celebrate John's Life at 1:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Keith Robertson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us to share stories, photos & tributes to Keith.

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OBITUARY

Ronald Kozak

On July 31, 2024 Ronald (Ron) Kozak passed away in Haliburton with family at his side.

While timing was sudden, his death was not totally unexpected due to his health struggles over the last 14 months.

Loving husband and co-adventurer (occasional sherpa) of Janis Parker. Loving father of Robert Kozak, Rhonda Kozak (Stuart), Kyle Parker and Kelsey Parker (Mathew) and grandfather of Jamie & Riley. Dear brother of Diana Levenson and Marion Reeve (deceased). Loving uncle of Aileen (Bill) and Jason (Colleen).

Ron adored the time he spent with children. He loved their spontaneous laughter, unbridled enthusiasm and he enjoyed enabling happy opportunities for them. My thanks to Chace, Kyla, Anneliese, Francesca, Charlotte and Islay for inspiring him.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

In honour of Ron, donations can be made to Abbey Gardens Community Trust...



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The family of the late Fred Mawbey would like to express our thanks to our wonderful family, friends, neighbours and work “families” for their kindness and support.

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Thank you to Dr. Hatch, the ambulance drivers and to all the medical staff at the Haliburton Hospital.

We also wish to express our deepest gratitude to Kirsten, Barry and everyone at Monk’s Funeral Home for their compassion, thoughtfulness and support.

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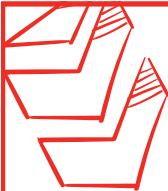
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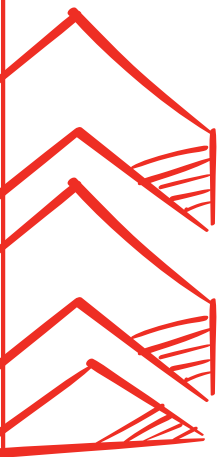
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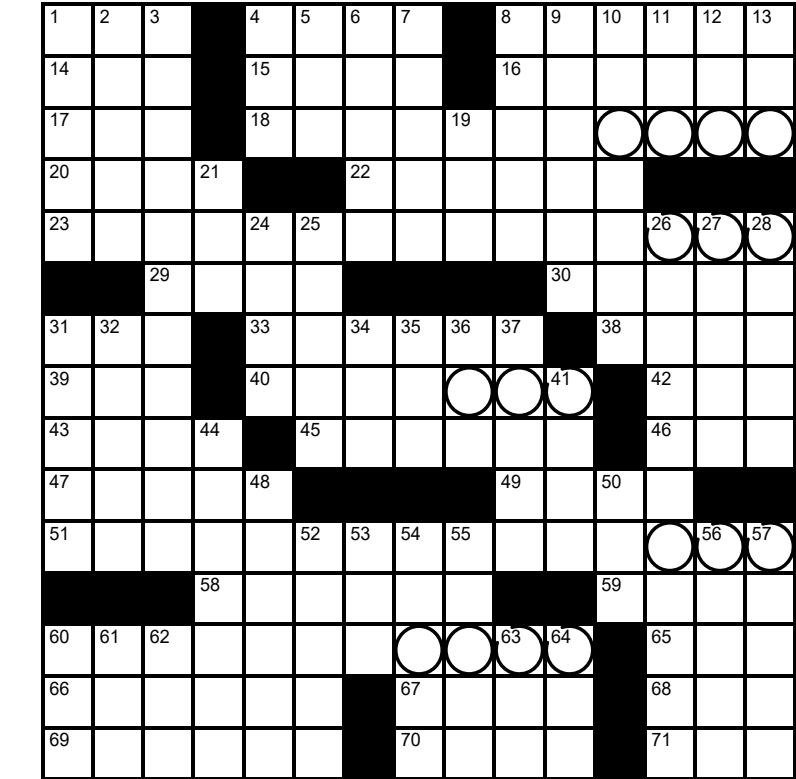
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 - 4 End of grace
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 - 14 Springfield grocer
 - 15 One nicknamed Sparky, maybe
 - 16 Crime show finale, often
 - 17 Certain QB protectors
 - 18 Van Gogh's "Self-Portrait with ___"
 - 20 ___-drama (fact-based film)
 - 22 Lying faceup
 - 23 Give a stern talking to
 - 29 It's roughly \$1.30 CAD
 - 30 Besmirch
 - 31 Symbols above 2s
 - 33 Film reviewer
 - 38 Organize socks
 - 39 Whispered "whisper!"
 - 40 They're often under the microscope
 - 42 "___ hoo!"
 - 43 "Nope, Nietzsche"
 - 45 Uses steel wool on
 - 46 Aliens
 - 47 "Irresistabubble" chocolate bars
 - 49 Leaning column?
 - 51 Nixes decisively
 - 58 Mushrooms of Japan
 - 59 Gdansk native
 - 60 Working closely with
 - 65 Many a Keats work
 - 66 Hamlet discovered his skull
 - 67 One before Hump Day: Abbr.
 - 68 "Sid the ___" (NHL player Crosby's nickname)
 - 69 Scaffolding components
 - 70 Latin "let it stand"
 - 71 Allowance word?

- Down
- 1 "K" sound
 - 2 ___ point (only so far)
 - 3 Attire for a display of guns?
 - 4 Public perp alert, for short
 - 5 One-named singer of "It's All About Me"



- 6 Accounting firm ___ & Young
- 7 "What was your first clue, Einstein?!"
- 8 Like hallucinogenic mushrooms, casually
- 9 Hockey moms' hangouts
- 10 Diner kitchen call
- 11 Riddle-me-___
- 12 ... in need ___ friend indeed
- 13 Bering or Bosphorus: Abbr.
- 19 Chest-thumping beast
- 21 Arced knife of the north
- 24 Gentle ocean "killer"
- 25 Usual ways
- 26 Did like Ferris Bueller
- 27 Ness of The Untouchables
- 28 Ones learning the ropes
- 31 Super simple
- 32 Britain broke from it
- 34 World games grp.
- 35 Actor Briones in TV's "Chucky"
- 36 Brew stat
- 37 Chocolate imposter
- 41 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 44 Intruded snoopily
- 48 Blitzen's boss, for short
- 50 Subject of "Psychic Witch"
- 52 Goose calls
- 53 Heart chart, for short
- 54 Garb at haggis feasts
- 55 Has been touched by an Angel?
- 56 Jukebox tune, today
- 57 Must-haves
- 60 Leg of a rt. triangle
- 61 Early ISP
- 62 Its members stick to their guns?
- 63 Divining rod shape
- 64 Record-breaking suffix

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